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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Parchim

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REMARKS

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1. On 5 March, the Alto Kaserne on Karl Marxstrasse in Parchim (L 54/T 74) and the dwelling houses adjacent to the barracks area were fully occupied by at least 3,000 men. Some wore red-bordered black epaulets, with signal or artillery insignia, and black-bordered black epaulets, including some with signal insignia. Six groups, each of about 15 men, were seen engaged in drill in the installation. Noise of rifles and machine gun fire was heard from the woods at Buchholz. About 60 men equipped with entrenching tools were seen leaving the installation toward the training area south of Brunnenallee. Six groups each consisting of 30 to 40 men were seen engaged in range estimation, range finding and training with signal flags. About 60 soldiers carrying cable reels and field telephones were seen constructing lines. Trucks carrying ammunition boxes were seen entering the installation. After being unloaded, they drove off in the direction of Ludwigslust about one hour later. 25X1
 2. On 5 March, the Neue Kaserne west of Karl Marxstrasse, was occupied to capacity by about 4,000 to 5,000 men and uniformed women wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Intensive fatigue duty but no training was noticed in the installation. Troops in groups of about six men practiced with 8 x 80-mm mortars, and about 100 men were seen engaged in aiming practice, marching, and running an obstacle course in the area southwest of the barracks installation. About 200 men were seen crawling by groups in the area farther south.
 3. A large training area which is bounded on the south by Dammerweg, on the east and north by the Parchim-Schwerin railroad line and on the west by the firing ranges is north of the airfield. Four 76.2-mm artillery pieces with 1 officer and 2 men each were seen there. They were camouflaged with bushes. About 80 soldiers stood near 12 light machine guns mounted on bipods, apparently for a rest. Other soldiers were seen digging trenches and constructing field lines. At least 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen in the training area. All of them wore red-bordered black epaulets. Fire from rifles was heard from the firing ranges. *
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Comment. It is improbable that 7,000 to 8,000 men should be quartered in the barracks installations of Alte Kaserne and Neue Kaserne. 25X1

the Alte Kaserne had been occupied by 1,500 men. []
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also by the reference report, only units of the 60th Mecz Regt of the 18th Mecz Div are stationed in the barracks installation. The other units located there could not be identified. The area north of the airfield probably belongs to the post training field.

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